

It would take altogether too bad a word to express just our feelings at this inhuman business. Will not physicians and others in possession of facts bearing on the question, send them in, with their own views as well? The matter will bear "ventilation."

THE PIANO.—A piano should be tuned at least four times in the year by an experienced tuner. If you allow it to go too long without tuning, it usually becomes flat and troubles a tuner to get it to stay at concert pitch, especially in the country. Never place the instrument against an outside wall, or in a cold, damp room, particularly in a country house. There is no greater enemy to a pianoforte than damp. Close the instrument immediately after you practice; by leaving it open, just fixes on the sound board, and corrodes the movements and if in a damp room, the strings soon rust. Should the piano stand near or opposite to a window, guard if possible, against it being opened, especially on a wet or damp day; and when the sun is on the window, draw the blind down. Avoid putting metallic or other articles on or in the piano; such things frequently cause unpleasant vibrations, and sometimes injures the instrument. The more equal the temperature of the room the better the instrument will remain in tune.

Abundantly.

The most melancholy spectacle in the world is a cold panicle.

The first thing a man takes to his life is his milk. The last thing his beer.

Why is a store that don't advertise like a French Arden? Because it has no sale from day to day.

It has been often enough in Kansas to freeze whiskey, and some of the drunkards here have been one solid men.

A Western editor once received a present of a buffalo. Says a Fox: "I've never before killed a buffalo."

Duchess, lately married, says, "It was most so easy as to be married with and not a cent of money, as to get her best word not a cent."

A meeting scene being trampled in a crowd of people, all fell. A woman, who was asked why she did not stop with the rest, said, "Oh, I belong to another parish."

Bismarck, says the Courier Journal, will no longer make of American voters. He professes his without bias. This is a statement of a foreigner's belief to recognize American institutions.

It seemed apparent to the naked eye that the young man was interested, but he explained matter, satisfactory by the remark that his limbs had become entangled in his sister's overcoat.

A genius out West has just patented a machine for making chickens out of seed potatoes. He is a brother of the old gentleman who put handles to pickles and then sold them for cures.

An advertisement of a farm for sale winds up as follows: "The surrounding country is the most beautiful that ever came from the Creative hand. The scenery is celestial—divine; also two wagons and a yoke of steers."

You just ought to have been over to our house last night! I shouted one small boy to another. "Why—making pictures?" inquired the other. "Nantmeal! How? No, sir, our folks went away and we had popcorn, two kinds of sweetened water, milk and candy, drew the dog around in the tangle, and the hired girl told us eight ghost stories."

One of the boys just returned from Cornell after day, sent a young lady friend of his a cake of Labby's. The lady friend of toilet soap, with the request that she would draw no inference on receiving such a gift. The next day the young man was somewhat astonished when he received a letter from the young lady containing the present of a fine tooth comb, with the request that he would draw no inferences therefrom.

Coughing in church is often a religious annoyance to the cougher and to the hearers. Coughing seems involuntary, yet it is really much under the control of the will. It is related of the famous Scotch preacher, Dr. McCreik, that one Sunday, during the service, he was much annoyed by the incessant coughing, and the audience evidently shared his annoyance. Suddenly he stopped in the middle of a sentence. Every eye turned to the pulpit in wonder, and for a full minute there was absolute silence. The doctor then said good humoredly: "I see, my friends, you can be quiet when I am quiet." There was little coughing during the remainder of the service.

A country man bought a shirt in Raleigh, N. C. which was the first white one he had ever owned. The next Sunday he was to be married, and that was the important occasion that had incited him to the purchase. The shirt had a nice starched bosom, and was open to the back—a style that was new to his possessor. After careful study he put it on with the opening in front, concluding that the stiff bosom was intended as a kind of shield—chance to make him stand erect. Time passed, he met the bride at the church door; but her knowledge was greater than his about shirts; and she made him go home and reverse the garment before she would allow the ceremony to proceed.

When two young people start out in life together with nothing but determination to succeed, avoiding the invasion of each other's idiosyncracies, not carrying the candle with their employment, willing to live on small means till they get large facilities, paying as they go, taking life here as a discipline, with four eyes watching temptations, and four hands fighting its battles—whatever others may say or do, this is a royal marriage. It is so set down in the heavenly archives, and the orange blossoms shall wither on neither side the grave.

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